

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 598

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lawson "Wayne" White
of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lawson "Wayne" White; and

WHEREAS, Wayne White was an exemplary public servant and exceptional musician who was widely known for both his talents and his generosity; and

WHEREAS, the son of Sara Pugh Hand of Columbia and the late G. Lawson White, Mr. White was a well known and respected member of Maury County for virtually his entire life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Columbia Central High School in 1960, Mr. White served with acumen and alacrity as the Maury County Register of Deeds, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and for his diligence and accuracy; and

WHEREAS, an ardent historian, Wayne White was also a distinguished member of the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board and was appointed the initial director of the Maury County Archives; and

WHEREAS, perhaps best known for his musical talents, Mr. White played with some of country music's greatest performers, including Dottie West, Ernest Tubb, and Mel Tillis, and

also performed with Ray Charles, Chet Atkins, and Willie Nelson, and appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show* and *The Grand Ole Opry*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White also played on recordings for Dottie West and had songs performed by Dottie West and Jack Palance; and

WHEREAS, always seeking to give of his remarkable knowledge, Wayne White had also served as an adjunct professor of percussion at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music since 2001 and provided lessons to thousands of Middle Tennessee children; and

WHEREAS, Wayne White was an active and devout member of the West Seventh Street Church of Christ, which he attended faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Wayne White enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 41 years, Carnice Pogue White, and they were the proud parents of Jane Scharsch, Jill Petty, and Lawson White, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White will also certainly be missed by his brother, Danny White, and his three grandchildren, Hannah Grace Petty, Virginia Lake Petty, and Jackson Drum Scharsch; and

WHEREAS, Wayne White leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, musician, friend, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lawson "Wayne" White, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character, talent, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express the sorrow of the General Assembly at the passing of Lawson Wayne White, and offer our condolences to his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.